



Maricopa County
Animal Care and Control



PREPARING FOR DISASTERS

Your pet needs you when disaster strikes

When disaster strikes a community, essential services like water are often unavailable. Do you have a disaster plan for your pet? If not, the following tips can help.

Get a carrier

A crate or carrier is needed, even for a leash-trained pet. The carrier should be big enough for your pet to stand and turn around in. A larger carrier that's big enough to hold food and water (and a small litter box for a cat), will be convenient if you and your animals are sheltering with friends or at a motel.

Crating your pet will also prevent your animal's escape in unfamiliar surroundings. Get your pet used to a carrier before an emergency strikes by feeding it in there each day without closing the door.

Transportation and Shelter

Plan your family's safe evacuation in advance. Remember your pet's usual hiding and sleeping places.

Many temporary rescue shelters do not accept animals. Gather the names, addresses and telephone numbers of hotels, friends or kennels outside your area that accept animals.

Plan for transportation and pet care with friends and neighbors outside your area. Make an advance agreement with neighbors to care for each other's pets in case of an emergency.

This will help ensure your pet's safety if your furry friend is home, but you are not.

Identification

Make sure your pet wears a current ID tag as well as vaccination tag. Better yet, have your pet microchipped through your shelter or veterinary clinic.

Make sure to keep the phone numbers of your local animal shelters handy in case you become separated from your pet during a crisis.

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Arizona Humane Society - 602-997-7586

With microchips, your pet can always be safely returned to you, even if it's collar or tag becomes lost or broken by accident. Remember – Arizona law requires dogs over three months of age to be licensed.

Supplies

Create a pet emergency kit. Keep essential pet supplies like food, water, medications, health records, a leash and a pet carrier all packed together.

Immunizations

Keep a copy of your pet's vaccination handy in case you need to board your pet or leave the state. Medical records and any medication instructions will be helpful to kennel personnel in charge of boarding pets.

On-line resources

Federal Emergency Management Agency
www.fema.gov/library/anemer.shtm

Humane Society of the United States
www.hsus.org

American Humane Association
www.americanhumane.org